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Church Office Hours (M-F) 8:00 a.m. - 12:00 & 1:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

Jan. 7, 2023 10:00 a.m. Baptism of the Lord

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

In order to maintain our worship environment, please turn off your cell phones. Thank you.

PRELUDE

Chrisann Lowe

CALL TO WORSHIP

Joe Ross

God said, "Let there be light,"
and there was light.
God's speech
is God's action.
When God creates,
the creation is good.
God our maker has done it again.
God has brought us to a new dawn.
Let us worship God!

++HYMN #151 [GTG] We Three Kings

Although Christians had begun by the 2nd century to speak of these visitors from eastern countries (Matthew 2:1-12) as "kings," perhaps because of the passages like Psalm 72:10 and Isaiah 60:3, it is more accurate to think of them as magi or astrologers, the scholars of their day.

SERVICE OF RENEWAL

Call to Confession

Joe Ross

Unison Prayer of Confession

God whose spirit moved over the waters, you have washed us in your mercy, claimed us as your own, bound us in community, and called us to lives of baptismal grace. Forgive us, O God, for we have not lived as if we were your baptized people. We stumble over opportunities for forgiveness. We prioritize our own selfish interests. We are slow to disrupt the status quo, even when it means ignoring our neighbors' suffering. Forgive us, O God, and by your forgiveness, lead us back to your waters of transformation.

Assurance of Pardon

Those who trust in the Lord will renew their strength. They will rise up to fly like eagles, they will run and not be weary, they will walk and not grow faint.

³¹but those who wait for the LORD shall renew their strength, they shall mount up with wings like eagles, they shall run and not be weary, they shall walk and not faint. In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven! **Thanks be to God.**

++Response to Forgiveness #598 [GTG] Amen, Praise Your Name

***Amen, we praise your name, O God! Amen, we praise your name, O God!
Amen, amen. Amen, amen.
Amen, we praise your name, O God!***

++PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

Joe Ross

May the peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.
And also with you.

#414 [GTG] Be Still and Know

Be still and know that I am God (four times).

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

Ms. Megan

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Joe Ross

Saving God, source of our calling,
your Word is full of power and glory.
Pour out your Holy Spirit upon us
so that we may receive your grace
and live as your beloved children;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

Psalms 29

Joe Ross

A Psalm of David.

¹ Ascribe to the LORD, O heavenly beings,
ascribe to the LORD glory and strength.

² Ascribe to the LORD the glory of his name;
worship the LORD in holy splendor.

³ The voice of the LORD is over the waters;
the God of glory thunders,

the LORD, over mighty waters.

⁴ The voice of the LORD is powerful;
the voice of the LORD is full of majesty.

⁵ The voice of the LORD breaks the cedars;
the LORD breaks the cedars of Lebanon.

⁶ He makes Lebanon skip like a calf,
and Sirion like a young wild ox.

⁷ The voice of the LORD flashes forth flames of fire.

⁸ The voice of the LORD shakes the wilderness;
the LORD shakes the wilderness of Kadesh.

⁹ The voice of the LORD causes the oaks to whirl,
and strips the forest bare;
and in his temple all say, 'Glory!'

¹⁰ The LORD sits enthroned over the flood;
the LORD sits enthroned as king for ever.

¹¹ May the LORD give strength to his people!
May the LORD bless his people with peace!

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM "My Son, the Beloved" by David Blackwell

*In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan.
And as he came out of the water, he saw the heavens, the heavens torn apart
And the Spirit descending, the Spirit descending, descending like a dove on him.
And a voice came from heaven, "You are my Son, you are my Son, you are my Son, my
Son, the Beloved; With you I am well pleased." "My Son, the Beloved."*

GOSPEL LESSON

Mark 1:4-11

Rev. Stanley Jenkins

⁴John the baptizer appeared in the wilderness, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. ⁵And people from the whole Judean countryside and all the people of Jerusalem were going out to him, and were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. ⁶Now John was clothed with camel's hair, with a leather belt around his waist, and he ate locusts and wild honey. ⁷He proclaimed, "The one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to stoop down and untie the thong of his sandals. ⁸I have baptized you with water; but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit."

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Sermon

Rev. Stanley Jenkins

++Hymn #268 [GTG]

Breathe On Me, Breath of God

In both Hebrew and Greek, the words for "spirit" can equally well be translated as "breath" or "wind," so it is very appropriate to address the Holy Spirit as the "Breath of God." This tune by an English organist has become the customary one in North American hymnals.

THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER (all bread served is gluten free)

The Prayer of Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

... who forever sing to the glory of your name

Sanctus (Sung in unison) #565[GTG] *Holy, Holy, Holy*

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

... Let us proclaim together the mystery of faith:

The Mystery of Faith **(unison)**

Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.

Pastor: Invocation of Holy Spirit

Lord's Prayer **(unison)**

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

Pastor: Words of Institution
The Sharing of the Bread and Cup
Responsive Prayer after the Supper

You have given yourself to us, Lord;

Now we give ourselves for others.

Your love has made us a new people;

As a people of love we will serve you with joy.

Your glory has filled our hearts;

Help us to glorify you in all things. Amen

PRESENTING OUR GIFTS

Offering

Choral Anthem "Creating God, Your Fingers Trace" arr John Ferguson

*Creating God, your fingers trace the bold designs of farthest space;
Let sun and moon and stars and light and what lies hidden praise your might.*

*Sustaining God, your hands hold earth's mysteries known or yet untold:
Let water's fragile blend with air, enabling life, proclaim your care.*

*Redeeming God, your arms embrace all now despised for creed or race;
Let peace, descending like a dove, make known on earth your healing love.*

Assembly



4 In - dwell - ing God, your gos - pel claims one fam - 'ly
with a bil - lion names; let ev - 'ry life be touched by
grace un - til we praise you face to face.

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Doxology #607 [GTG]

***Praise God, from whom all blessing flow;
Praise Christ, all people here below;
Praise Holy Spirit evermore;
Praise Triune God, whom we adore. Amen.***

Prayer of Dedication

++HYMN #543 [GTG] God Be the Love to Search and Guide Me

This hymn is a 21st-century adaptation of the traditional Celtic prayer style known as lorica (Latin for “armor” or “breastplate”). Many such petitions for God’s presence and protection were never written down, but this one is based on an example attributed to St. Patrick.

BENEDICTION

BLEST BE THE TIE 306[GTG]

***Blest be the tie that binds our hearts in Christian love:
The fellowship of kindred minds is like to that above.***

POSTLUDE

Chrisann Lowe

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MORE LIGHT
PRESBYTERIANS



INFORMATION FOR THE DAY

Participants in this morning's service:

Liturgist	Joe Ross
Organist/Pianist	Sergei Kvitko
Director of Music	Megan Higle
Bells of First Director	Darin Showalter
Pastor	Rev. Stanley Jenkins

Concerns of the congregation:

In care facilities: Jean Dietrich (Story Point of Grand Ledge)
 Dianne Rector (Rosewood Adult Foster Care- DeWitt)

HEARING ASSISTANCE (The devices have been recently checked and they DO work!) **LARGE PRINT AND BRAILLE BULLETINS** (If you would like a Braille bulletin, please let the church office know ahead of time.) We also have **CUSHIONS** available if you find the pews uncomfortable! Please see one of the ushers if any of these aids to worship will enhance your participation in the service.

FLOWER CHART There are many dates available on the chart to celebrate special days in our church family. The new price is \$50. Simply sign up on the chart (in the office hall), indicate the occasion that you would like celebrated or honored (birthday, anniversary or memorial), write a check to the church and give it to Betsy, and we will order for you. If you would like to purchase or provide a silk arrangement for use when we don't have a fresh arrangement scheduled, please see Judy Whitman. Thank you! - Worship Committee.

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THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE

Sunday, Jan. 7

10:00 a.m. Morning Worship - Sanctuary
11:30 a.m. Undecorate church
1:30 p.m. Glen Erin Pipe Band – Litten Hall
12:30 p.m. Victory in Jesus Ministries Worship - Chapel

Monday, Jan. 8

9:00 a.m. GIL Class
10:00 a.m. Staff Meeting
5:30 p.m. Yoga – Yoga Room
6:30 p.m. Bells of First rehearsal – Choir room

Tuesday, Jan. 9

9:00 a.m. GIL Class
6:30 p.m. Glen Erin Pipe Band Rehearsal – Litten Hall
7:00 p.m. Capital City Chordsmen rehearsal – Chapel
7:00 p.m. Book Group - Zoom

Wednesday, Jan. 10

9:00 a.m. GIL Class
4:30 p.m. Lansing Children's Choir rehearsal
5:30 p.m. Yoga – Yoga Room
6:00 p.m. Mid-Michigan Photo Club – Litten Hall
7:00 p.m. Deacons meeting – Zoom
7:30 p.m. Lectionary Bible Study – Zoom

Thursday, Jan. 11

9:00 a.m. GIL Class
12:00 a.m.-2 p.m. NWI Food Distribution – Litten Hall
7:00 p.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal
7:00 p.m. Victory in Jesus Ministries– Library

Friday, Jan. 12

5:30 p.m. Yoga – Yoga Room

Saturday, Jan. 13

Elder Training

Sunday, Jan. 14

10:00 a.m. Morning Worship - Sanctuary
11:30 a.m. Adult Forum – Litten Hall
11:30 a.m. Children's Faith Formation
11:30 a.m. Finance Committee
12:30 p.m. Victory in Jesus Ministries Worship - Chapel

CONGREGATIONAL LIFE

GLEN ERIN PIPE BAND ROBERT BURNS CELEBRATION

Tickets are on sale now for the Glen Erin Pipe Band's Robert Burns Celebration January 27, 2024, at MSU's Kellogg Center. This event with dinner, concerts, and dancing is a highlight of the Scottish cultural calendar and well attended by members of First Pres. Tickets are \$55. Contact Bill Collins for more info or to reserve a seat with the First Pres group: bill@pipercollins.com

Children's Faith Formation after service at the same time as Adult Forum.

Adult Bible Study: has been moved from 10:30 a.m. to 7:30 p.m., Wednesdays by ZOOM. All are welcome as we explore two readings from the Revised Common Lectionary. Here is a link to the lectionary: <https://lectionary.library.vanderbilt.edu/> Here is the Zoom link to connect: <https://bit.ly/3Q2iBKZ> Meeting ID: 832 1565 8039, Passcode: 661418
Pastor Bob Higle / bob.higle@gmail.com / 517-512-8018

ADULT FORUM

(11:30-12:30 in Litten Hall downstairs or on Zoom).
(Childcare can be available through this time.)
Children's Faith Formation also happening.

January 7

No class: Undecorate church

January 14

**Slavery to Freedom Art Installation at MSU
Mila Lynn**

January 21

**Yuta Matsubara
Sister City in Japan**